

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Neutrals' positions
on test ban proposals

a. The Stockholm press is carrying a foreign office denial of reports out of New Delhi alleging that India and Sweden have come together on a proposal aimed at forestalling US testing and creating a system of peripheral control stations. Privately, the Swedes tell us that they will not associate themselves with any formula aimed only at the US.

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c. The 8 neutrals as of now have no common plan on how to act at Geneva when the US resumes testing.

d. Moscow's propaganda line shows signs of leading up to Soviet support for a possible neutral move for a moratorium pending examination of the adequacy of national detection systems.

2. Argentina

The Senate met yesterday to take up Guido's proposals for constitutional change, but the lower house will probably not meet before Monday. In the meantime, the Radical Intransigents appear to be backing away from their declared opposition to postponement of elections and a ban on the Peronists, with the result that things are looking up somewhat for Guido.

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3. Congo negotiations

a. Adoula

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is convinced is Tshombé's bad faith, insists that he will leave Leopoldville for a provincial tour next week, leaving behind a blast at Tshombé.

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the talks were nearing the point where the two sides could at least table their separate proposals on central vs. provincial powers.

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"round three" in Katanga is very close.

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4. Jordan

Syria

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5. Laos

In his meeting with Ambassador Gavin yesterday, Souvanna gave no impression of throwing in the towel but indicated he is in no hurry to return to Laos until we bring Phoumi around.

6. Peasant unrest in
Northeast Brazil

A sharp increase in food costs has accentuated the tensions endemic to the depressed area. Several army units have been called out in the state of Paraiba where the Peasant Leagues, headed by pro-Communist Francisco Juliao, are actively promoting disorders.

NOTES

- A. Moroccan officials are saying privately what US observers on the spot had previously suspected: at least part of the recent Soviet military shipments are earmarked for Algeria. Moscow runs a good risk of getting a severe reaction from De Gaulle.
- B. Burma's Ne Win is beginning to make good on his reputation for xenophobia. Rangoon has given notice that it will not renew the present arrangements on Fulbright grants and activities of the Ford and Asia foundations. We do not think this move means Ne Win is moving toward Moscow.
- C. Taking off from the Algerian settlement, the French are seeking, and stand a good chance of achieving, the reopening of diplomatic relations with the Arab states which broke with Paris over the Suez affair.
- D. Khrushchev, apparently recovered from his illness, showed in Moscow yesterday for the first time in two weeks.
- E. Cambodia's Prince Sihanouk is mulling over the advisability of calling for an international conference on South Vietnam.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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